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Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE
A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

Garcia's **BILL OF THE WEEK!**

Senator Garcia co-sponsors legislation to protect those who serve

SB 1404 and 1405: Gives police dogs, as well as, search and rescue dogs added protection

In light of the recent increase of police dogs, as well as search and rescue dogs being called to duty, legislation was passed out of the Senate today to protect these animals while out serving.

Senator Garcia co-sponsored legislation that would give police dogs and search and rescue dogs increased protection from individuals intentionally trying to harm them while on duty.

Under the legislation, both police and search dogs and police horses would see an increase in protection by amplified fines for their harassment. Additionally, police and search and rescue dogs will receive the same protection as police horses.

These animals play an important role in search and rescue, and are often called upon in devastating situations the same as a police officer. Under SB 1404 and 1405, these animals would receive the same protection as a police officer engaged in search and rescue.